

# Superior Court Judge

## Michael J. “Jude” Pate, First Judicial District



Workplace Conduct Committee, member  
Three-Judge Sentencing Panel, member

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

Adopted member of L'uknax.adi Clan (Sitka Coho)  
Sitka High School mock trial, Coach

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Educating youth about our legal system and providing justice to Alaska's rural communities.

**STATEMENT:**

I have devoted my professional career to public service. It would be an honor to continue to serve Alaska as a judicial officer.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 304 Lake Street, Room 203  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

**AGE:** 57

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Christine Pate

**CHILDREN'S NAMES:** William Pate  
Joseph Pate

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Sitka-29 years

**EDUCATION:**  
University of Kansas  
Lewis & Clark Northwestern School of Law

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge (2018 to present)  
Assistant Public Defender, State of Alaska (2006 to 2018)  
Private Law Practice (1999 to 2006)  
Legal counsel for Sitka Tribe of Alaska (1994 to 1999)  
Intern for Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (1993-1994)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Newer Judge Conference Planning Committee, Chair  
Color of Justice program, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Co-Chair/mentor  
Healing to Wellness Court, state/tribal therapeutic alternatives to incarceration  
Criminal Rules Committee, member

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## Judge Jude Pate, Sitka Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Pate met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Pate was appointed to the Sitka Superior Court in February of 2018. Judge Pate handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

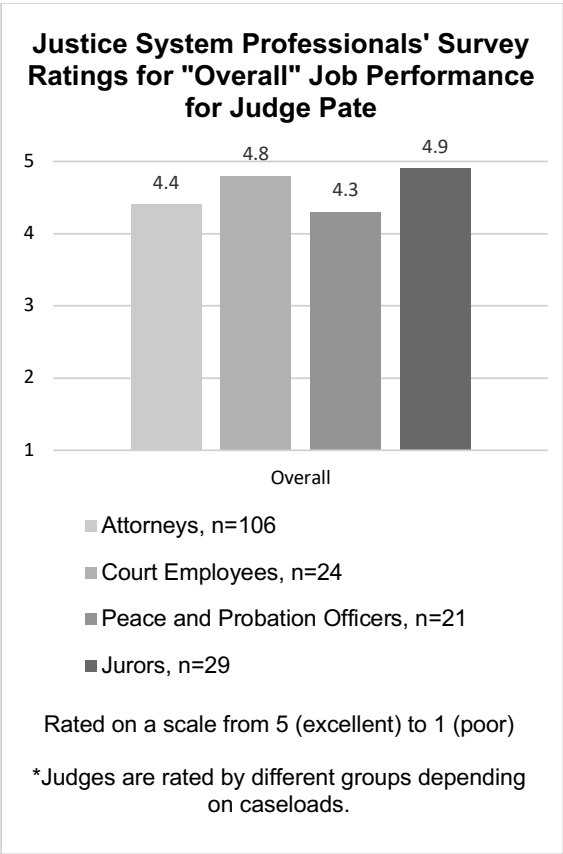
**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Pate met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Pate complied with judicial ethics standards.

The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Pate in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys and peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Pate gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees and jurors. One juror commented, “He did an excellent job. I especially liked his respect for the jury. He thanked us several times and explained the procedures very clearly. Overall, a very good experience.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Pate. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Pate’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Pate made contributions in the areas of committee and working group service, community outreach, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Pate’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Pate, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Pate performed well in these areas.



Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)